

EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MARK A. TORNELLO,

Plaintiff,

-against-

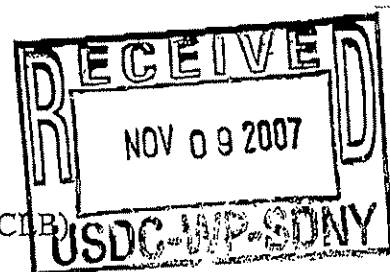
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER,

Defendant.

07 Civ. 6697 (CLB)

FIRST AMENDED
COMPLAINT

Jury Trial Demanded



Plaintiff MARK A. TORNELLO, by his attorneys Lovett & Gould, LLP, for his
first amended complaint respectfully states:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is an action for compensatory damages for violations of Plaintiff's rights
as guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution, 42 U.S.C.
§1983.

JURISDICTION

2. The Court's jurisdiction is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1331, 1343.
Plaintiff's state law claim is interposed in accordance with the Court's supplemental
jurisdiction, 28 U.S.C. §§1331, 1343. With respect to the latter claim, on May 22, 2007,
Plaintiff duly and timely filed with the Defendant a Notice of Claim as required by the
New York State General Municipal Law, following which there was conducted a so-

called 50-h hearing. Plaintiff's state law claim has not been settled and remains outstanding.

THE PARTIES

3. Plaintiff MARK A. TORNELLO is a citizen of the United States, a domiciliary of the State of New York and a resident of the Northern Counties. Prior to the occurrence of the events referenced *infra* Plaintiff has suffered from a continuing physical disability that affects his ability to ambulate and prevents him from running.

4. Defendant COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER (hereinafter "County") is a municipal corporate subdivision of the State of New York duly existing by reason of and pursuant to the laws of said State. As more particularly set forth *infra* the District Attorney of the County of Westchester has for years maintained a policy and practice, in connection with the management of her office and her retention of police union support needed for her anticipated re-election campaign, of ignoring and/or covering up criminal wrong doing engaged in by police officers including *inter alia*:

a. Ignoring, for self-serving and political objectives, multiple felonies committed by the Chief of Police of the Town/Village of Harrison in connection with his surreptitious installation of an audio/video camera in the men's locker room at Police Headquarters,

b. Covering up, for self-serving and political objectives, a check forgery and resulting larceny committed by the Chief of Police of the Town/Village of Harrison, in connection with a \$2,500 contribution intended for the Harrison Police Benevolent Association by Bonnie Brae Country Club,

c. Ignoring, for self-serving and political objectives, a manifestly materially false sworn statement made by at least one police officer in the Town/Village of Harrison on the basis of which an order of protection was unlawfully obtained,

d. Ignoring, for self-serving and political objectives, materially inconsistent sworn testimony of various state troopers given during Plaintiff's trial, referenced *infra*,

e. Ignoring, for self-serving and political objectives, various crimes committed by members of the Harrison Police Department (Coercion and Official Misconduct) by reason of which an unwilling "witness" was forced to make a specious complaint against a sworn member of the Police Department who not-so-coincidentally is a plaintiff in multiple federal civil rights actions against the Harrison Chief of Police and *inter alia* the Town/Village of Harrison proximately resulting from the commission of felonies by the Chief and certain of his subordinates,

f. Ignoring, for self-serving and political objectives, materially inconsistent sworn statements made by a state trooper in connection with the below-referenced trial, and *inter alia*,

g. Ignoring, for self-serving and political objections, obvious perjurious testimony as given by that trooper during a local court bench trial.

THE FACTS

5. On November 30, 2006, at approximately 4:15 P.M. Plaintiff was lawfully operating a commercial vehicle on the northbound side of Interstate 95 at or about the New Rochelle toll barrier when a New York State Trooper (Robert Earl Sanders,

hereinafter "Sanders") stopped him ostensibly for the purpose of inspecting that vehicle. In that connection Sanders took Plaintiff's driver's license from him and directed Plaintiff to locate and bring to him his registration and insurance card.

6. Plaintiff exited his truck in order to comply with Sander's directive and to hand him his registration and insurance card at which time Sanders, who appeared angry and out-of-control, falsely exclaimed to Plaintiff: "You touched me! You never touch a Trooper!"

7. In light of Sanders' threatening demeanor and false accusation Plaintiff slowly retreated to his vehicle - - with Sanders advancing along side of him - - with a view towards getting into and remaining in the cab while Sanders performed the inspection.

8. As Plaintiff attempted to pull himself up into the driver's seat of his vehicle, Sanders without warning and/or provocation grabbed Plaintiff from behind by his hair and trousers, forcefully pulled him backwards out of the vehicle and ordered him to lie down on the pavement. When Plaintiff attempted to comply with this directive Sanders forcefully struck Plaintiff purposefully driving Plaintiff's body into the pavement causing serious physical injury including a herniated disc in his neck. Sanders then forcibly handcuffed Plaintiff, causing an immediate inflammation of Plaintiff's pre-existing carpal tunnel syndrome and arthritic condition and had him transported to a State Police Barracks, where he was handcuffed to a wall prior to being processed.

9. On December 4, 2006, Sanders prepared, swore to, and filed with the Justice Court, Town of Mamaroneck (hereinafter the "Town Court") two misdemeanor informations. The first accused Plaintiff of Obstructing Governmental Administration in violation of New York State Penal Law Section 195.05 and alleged as "fact" *in toto*

that at:

“the aforementioned time, date and on Interstate 95 – Northbound, said defendant did operate a 1996 Ford, color Gray, bearing New York registration 26715JD. After being stopped by the deponent for a Commercial Vehicle inspection, at mile marker 7.1, the defendant did attempt to enter his vehicle and drive away from the inspection.”

The second information accused Plaintiff of Resisting Arrest in violation of Penal Law Section 205.30, reciting as “fact” *in toto* that:

“After being stopped by the deponent for a Commercial Vehicle Inspection, at mile marker 7.1, the defendant did attempt to enter his vehicle and drive away from such inspection. As a result of the defendants [*sic.*] action, the deponent attempted to place the defendant under arrest, at which time the defendant did become combative to avoid his arrest.”

10. On or about February 28, 2007, Sanders conferenced these charges with two representatives of the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office - - Assistant District Attorney Michael Jeffrey Ashraf (hereinafter “Ashraf”) and Assistant District Attorney and New Rochelle “Branch Chief” Michael J. Borrelli, Jr. (hereinafter “Borrelli”).

11. On the basis of Ashraf and Borrelli’s advice and instructions to Sanders, to the effect that the facts as sworn to by him in connection with the Obstructing Governmental Administration charge were legally insufficient and that he had to materially alter the “facts” in order to make out a *prima facie* Obstructing charge, Sanders agreed to:

a. File a materially false Superseding Misdemeanor Information against

Plaintiff, in order to avoid dismissal of the Obstructing Charge and a potential false arrest suit, and,
b. Commit perjury at trial with respect to the underlying "facts" in order to enable Borrelli and Ashraf to prosecute Plaintiff with a view towards insulating Sanders from any such suit.

12. As a result and on February 28, 2007, Sanders executed and filed with the Town Court a superseding information in which he deliberately fabricated allegations of "fact" so as to falsely provide a predicate for an Obstructing charge:

"The defendant. . . at the above date, time and place, did during a vehicle and traffic stop, and while your deponent was investigating a second vehicle that stopped on the breakdown lane of I-95, exit his vehicle and shove your deponent as your deponent was walking towards the second vehicle. The defendant's actions caused your deponent to be harassed, annoyed, threatened and alarmed. Thereafter, the defendant began running back towards his vehicle. Your deponent instructed the defendant that he was under arrest and ordered him to stop. The defendant refused to stop running and then attempted to enter the driver's seat [sic.] of his vehicle which [sic.] was still running. Your deponent continued to tell him to stop, that he was under arrest and the defendant continued to pull himself into the vehicle as your deponent was attempting to pull him from the vehicle. The defendant struggled with your deponent in an effort to avoid being placed in handcuffs and under arrest. The defendant

prevented your deponent from performing his lawful duties by shoving your deponent and attempting to flee the scene.”

13. By reason of Sanders’ materially inconsistent sworn allegations as contained in the multiple informations, on March 12, 2007, Plaintiff’s counsel personally wrote to Janet DeFiore, Westchester County District Attorney, provided her with the inconsistent sworn informations, and requested that she investigate how Sanders came to swear to the facts as contained in the superseding misdemeanor investigation “on the eve of trial”. In accordance with her Office’s practice and/or policy, DeFiore determined to ignore and/or cover-up Sanders’ crimes and requested that the head of her so-called Public Integrity Bureau (Mike Hughes) act on her behalf in doing so.

14. Three days thereafter Hughes in writing advised Plaintiff’s counsel on DeFiore’s behalf that he had reviewed Plaintiff’s “letter and its enclosures”, spoken with ADA Ashraf, and was “confident that the issues . . . raised in [the] letter can be properly addressed by ADA Ashraf and the Mamaroneck Town Court”. In that connection ADA Hughes, with DeFiore’s authorization, referred Plaintiff’s letter/complaint to the New Rochelle Branch Office of the District Attorney’s Office “for their handling.” Neither DeFiore nor the Branch Office, with Borelli as its “Chief”, thereafter did anything whatsoever with respect to the letter and/or the complaint embodied in it.

15. Under the circumstances, and aware that the District Attorney herself and ADA Hughes had effectively endorsed their intended subornation of perjury from Sanders, on April 23, 2007, Ashraf and Borelli acting in concert with Sanders prosecuted the charges contained in the superseding misdemeanor information at a bench trial held in Town Court, Town of Mamaroneck, New York (Jean Marie Brescia, J.). During that trial

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Sanders' inconsistent sworn misdemeanor informations were the subject of cross-examination.

16. On May 16, 2007, Justice Brescia rendered her verdict finding Plaintiff "not guilty" on all counts.

17. As a proximate result of Defendant's conduct Plaintiff was forced to suffer: repeated impairments of his liberty interest due to multiple court-ordered appearances in Town Court, Town of Mamaroneck - - with the threat of a bench warrant being issued in the event that he failed to appear on any such occasion; impairment of his liberty interest by reason of his obligatory, court-mandated appearance for trial; substantial pecuniary losses by way of legal defense costs; emotional upset; anxiety; public humiliation; public embarrassment; shame; and he was otherwise rendered sick and sore.

AS AND FOR A FIRST CLAIM

18. Repeats and realleges as if fully set forth the allegations of fact contained in paragraphs "1 to "17", inclusive.

19. Since Defendant deliberately prosecuted and/or persisted in the prosecution of Plaintiff: a) with knowledge that there was no probable cause for his arrest; b) after having entered into an agreement with Sanders to materially falsify the "facts" as alleged in the superseding misdemeanor information; c) after agreeing to suborn Sanders' perjurious testimony at trial; and d) after suborning that perjury with the resulting acquittal of Plaintiff on all charges, Defendant's conduct violated Plaintiff's rights as guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution, 42 U.S.C. §1983.

AS AND FOR A SECOND CLAIM

20. Repeats and realleges as if fully set forth the allegations of fact contained in paragraph "1" to "17", inclusive.

21. Under the premises Defendant's conduct constituted malicious prosecution under the common law of the State of New York and is actionable for damages.

WHEREFORE a judgment is respectfully demanded:

- a. Awarding such compensatory damages as the jury may determine,
- b. Awarding reasonable attorney's fees and costs, and,
- c. Granting such other and further relief as to the Court seems just and proper.

Dated: White Plains, N.Y.
November 7, 2007

LOVETT & GOULD, LLP

By: 

Jonathan Lovett (4854)

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EXHIBIT B

TOWN COURT
TOWN OF MAMARONECK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

SUPERSEDING MISDEMEANOR INFORMATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
-against-

MARK A. TORNELLO 100 Old Lake Street, West Harrison, NY

03/25/1958

Defendant(s)

Be it known that the complainant herein Trooper Robert E. Sanders, of the New York State Police, Westchester County, New York, accuses the defendant(s) named above of the following offense(s) committed at Interstate I-95 Northbound, Town of Mamaroneck, New York at about November 30, 2006.

COUNT ONE : The Offense of RESISTING ARREST, a violation of Penal Law PL 205.30 AM0

The Defendant(s) did intentionally prevent and attempt to prevent a peace or police officer from effecting an authorized arrest of himself or another person.

COUNT TWO : The Offense of OBSTRUCTING GOVERNMENTAL ADMINISTRATION IN THE SECOND DEGREE, a violation of Penal Law PL 195.05 AM0

The Defendant(s) he/she intentionally obstructs, impairs or perverts the administration of law or other governmental function or prevents or attempts to prevent a public servant from performing an official function, by means of intimidation, physical force or interference, or by means of any independently unlawful act, or by means of interfering, whether or not physical force is involved, with radio, telephone, television or other telecommunications systems owned or operated by the state, or a county, city, town, village, fire district or emergency medical service or by means of releasing a dangerous animal under circumstances evincing the actor's intent that the animal obstruct governmental administration.

COUNT THREE : The Offense of HARASSMENT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, a violation of Penal Law PL 240.26 01 OV2

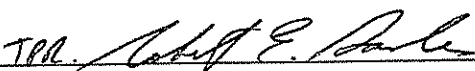
The Defendant(s) with intent to harass, annoy and alarm another person, he/she strikes, shoves, kicks or otherwise subjects such other person to physical contact, or attempts or threatens to do the same.

To wit: The defendant(s) at the above date, time and place, did during a vehicle and traffic stop, and while your deponent was investigating a second vehicle that stopped on the breakdown lane of I-95, exit his vehicle and shove your deponent as your deponent was walking towards the second vehicle. The defendant's actions caused your deponent to be harassed, annoyed, threatened and alarmed. Thereafter, the defendant began running back towards his vehicle. Your deponent instructed the defendant that he was under arrest and ordered him to stop. The defendant refused to stop running and then attempted to enter the driver's seat of his vehicle which was still running. Your deponent continued to tell him to stop, that he was under arrest and the defendant continued to pull himself into the vehicle as your deponent was attempting to pull him from the vehicle. The defendant struggled with your deponent in an effort to avoid being placed in handcuffs and under arrest. The defendant prevented your deponent from performing his lawful duties by shoving your deponent and by attempting to flee the scene.

The above allegation(s) of fact are made by the complainant herein on direct knowledge.

NOTICE: PURSUANT TO THE PENAL LAW, SECTION 210.45, IT IS A CRIME PUNISHABLE AS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR TO KNOWINGLY MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT HEREIN.

February 28, 2007



Signed

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STATE OF NEW YORK
LOCAL CRIMINAL COURTCOUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
TOWN OF MAMARONECK

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

--VS--

Date of Birth

MARK A TORNELLO

03/25/58

100 OLD LAKE STREET WEST HARRISON, NY 10604

Defendant(s)

[INFORMATION]

BE IT KNOWN THAT, by this [INFORMATION], Trooper RE Sanders
as the Complainant herein, [stationed] [residing] at SP New Rochelle
accusess MARK A TORNELLO
the above mentioned Defendant(s), with having committed the [MISDEMEANOR]
of RESISTING ARREST, in violation of Section 205.30
Subdivision 0 of the PENAL Law of the State of New York.

ACCUSATION

That on or about the 30th day of November, 2006, at about 4:15 pm in the
TOWN of MAMARONECK, County of WESTCHESTER, the
defendant did intentionally, knowingly and unlawfully commit the MISDEMEANOR of RESISTING ARREST. A person is guilty of
resisting arrest when he intentionally prevents or attempts to prevent a police officer or peace officer from effecting an authorized
arrest of himself or another person. TO WIT: on the aforementioned time, date and on Interstate 95 - Northbound, said defendant did
operate a 1996 Ford, color Gray, bearing New York registration 26715JD. After being stopped by the deponent for a Commercial
Vehicle Inspection, at mile marker 7.1, the defendant did attempt to enter his vehicle and drive away from the inspection. As a result
of the defendants actions, the deponent attempted to place the defendant under arrest, at which time the defendant did become
combative to avoid his arrest.

All contrary to the statute made and provided.

FACTS

The above allegations of fact are made by the Complainant herein an official police investigation.

--OR--

WHEREAS, an Appearance Ticket was issued to the said Defendant, directing him to appear before this court at 6:30 pm
on the 11th day of December, 2006.

NOTICE In a written instrument, any person who knowingly makes a false statement which such person does not believe to be
true has committed a crime under the laws of the State of New York punishable as a Class A Misdemeanor. (PL 210.45)

Affirmed under penalty of perjury
this 4th day of December, 2006

--OR--

COMPLAINANT

Trooper RE Sanders

Subscribed and Sworn to before me
this _____ day of _____, _____

[] - STRIKE OUT/DELETE ANY WORDS THAT DO NOT APPLY

COPY

EXHIBIT C

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March 12, 2007

Hon. Janet DeFiore
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Re: Public Integrity Referral

Dear Ms. DeFiore:

I represent Mark A. Tornello, who is currently the subject of prosecution by your office in Justice Court, Town of Mamaroneck. Initially he was charged in two separate misdemeanor informations with Obstructing Governmental Administration and Resisting Arrest on November 30, 2006.

In that connection on December 4, 2006, the arresting Trooper swore, by way of fact on the resisting charge, that "on the aforementioned time, date and on Interstate 95 – Northbound, said defendant did operate a 1996 Ford, color Gray, bearing New York registration 26715JD. After being stopped by the deponent for a Commercial Vehicle Inspection, at mile marker 7.1, the defendant did attempt to enter his vehicle and drive away from the inspection. As a result of the defendants actions, the deponent attempted to place the defendant under arrest, at which time the defendant did become combative to avoid his arrest."

As to the Obstructing charge, the Trooper swore to the following facts: "After being stopped by the deponent for a Commercial Vehicle Inspection, at mile marker 7.1, the defendant did attempt to enter his vehicle and drive away from the inspection.

Obviously the Obstructing charge was legally insufficient on its face. Walking and/or running away from a law enforcement officer is not a crime.

Presumably for that reason, by superseding misdemeanor information dated February 28, 2007, the same Trooper swore as to the facts: "The defendant(s) at the

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March 12, 2007
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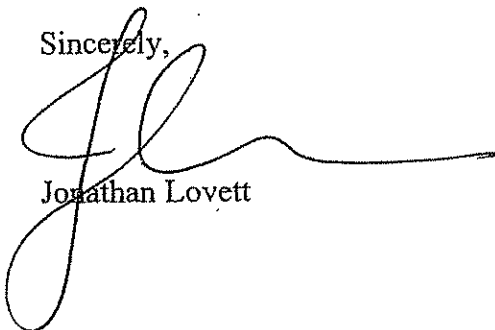
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For your review, all three misdemeanor informations are enclosed.

I cannot reconcile the facts as first sworn to within days of my client's arrest and then as sworn to on the eve of trial. Under the circumstances perhaps your Office may wish to make relevant inquiry as to the apparent inconsistencies.

Both my client and I would be glad to meet with you to discuss what actually occurred.

Sincerely,


Jonathan Lovett

JL:clp
Encls.

EXHIBIT D



**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
WESTCHESTER COUNTY**

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March 15, 2007

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Re: People v. Mark A. Tornello - Mamaroneck Town Court
Case No. 2007PICL-0089

Dear Mr. Lovett:

I am in receipt of your letter dated March 12, 2007, concerning the above-captioned pending criminal matter. Please be advised that I have reviewed your letter and its enclosures and spoken with Assistant District Attorney Michael Ashraf, the prosecutor assigned to this case.

Based upon that review and my discussion of the matter with ADA Ashraf, I am confident the issues you raised in your letter can be properly addressed by ADA Ashraf and the Mamaroneck Town Court. Accordingly, I am referring your complaint to our New Rochelle Branch Office for their handling.

Very truly yours,

JANET DiFIORE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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Chief, Public Integrity Bureau